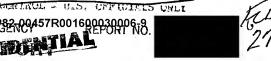
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- Two Soviet army corps (see comments) are presently located in Estonia, latvia, and Lithuania. The total number of officers and men of the regular Army and of the ND forces there is in excess of 110,000. A strong line of fortifications runs from Narva via Lake Poipus to the Dvina River.
- Small Soviet units have recently arrived in Pskov, Vitebsk, Minsk, and Dzerzhinsk (53°41'N, 27°02'E). Other small units have moved to the islands of Hiiumaa (Dago) and Saaremaa (Osel), where thousands of prisoners of war are building fortifications at the naval bases for surface ships and subvarines. All the subvarine bases are underground. On those islands there are also seven large factories making V-bombs. Near Baltdiski (Pillau) there are launching sites for rocket bombs, including V-2s.
- On 5 March 1948, ships from Kronstadt planted mines between Maapsalu (58056°N, 23032°E) and the neighboring islands. Nore than 30 submarines continually maneuver in the Gulf of Riga.

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ences in the second report are as follows:

- para. 1 "Two Soviet armies" instead of "two Soviet army corps"
- para. 2 The second report gives only one launching site near Baltiiskiand onits any mention of V-bombs but speaks of seven "underground" factories.
- para. 3 The second report does not state the number of submarines.

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Comment: "Two armies" is probably correct. The strength estimate for the Batlic MD for January 1948 was 150,000 Army and 25,000 security troops. A previous report, dated 20 February 1943, indicated that there was considerable activity under close guard on the islands of Hiiumaa and Saaremaa.)

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